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MUGGSY TAKES VERBAL POKE AT BAN JOHNSON'S HOWL

McGraw Answers Czar of American League on Bentley Deal With His Own Argument About Putting and Taking Players Out of Bondage.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—"We are running our ball club for the public of New York, not for Ban Johnson or any other club owner or league official. We believe that the New York public wanted Jack Bentley, and I feel that he can bolster my pitching staff. That's the reason Bentley now is a member of the Giants."

That was the comment of John J. McGraw, vice president and manager of the Giants, yesterday on Ban Johnson's criticism of the Bentley deal, the American League president taking a knock at the Giants for sending three ball players to Baltimore in part payment for Bentley.

"Johnson says we are sending three players to bondage by sending them to Baltimore," continued McGraw. "I don't know whether we will send three youngsters there or not. But if we are we are rescuing Bentley from bondage and giving him a chance in a real big league. The argument must have two sides. We can't be wrong both ways."

"However, I happen to know that one American League club and two National clubs had in big bids for Bentley. We never were members of any agreement not to deal with Baltimore. I suppose if some other club would have had their bid accepted it would have been all right. When the Giants' proposition is accepted it is all wrong."

Slams Ban Johnson. "The Cleveland club recently purchased Lutzke from Kansas City. Mr. Johnson, I believe, still has financial interests in the Cleveland Club. The Kansas City club is as much opposed to the draft as Baltimore, yet it seems all right to do business with it. Is Mr. Johnson sure that Cleveland will not send some young players to bondage in Kansas City as part payment for Lutzke?"

"I am becoming wearied of this continual crying every time we buy a ball player. St. Louis has made a lot of money in recent years. Instead of crying every time we buy a player, why don't they open up and buy a few men themselves?"

"I suppose if we were down every team in the league would rush about to help us. Yes, they would."

Discussing his team, McGraw says he is far better off now than he was a year ago. At present, he does not contemplate any deals, but he said there is no telling what the winter will bring forth.

Certainly Better Off. "I certainly am better off for pitchers now than I was a year ago," continued the leader of the two times world champions. "A year ago I had Fred Toney, going back fast and dependable, and Phil Douglas, who always kept me in hot water."

"In their places I now have McQuillan, Scott and Bentley. It surely looks as though Scott has come back. No man ever pitched a better game than he showed in the world series. Then I think very highly of the three youngsters who finished with us in the fall—Cven-gros, Johnson and Blumhe. Cven-gros, the left-hander from Little Rock, looks especially good. He pitched a no-hit game after returning to his home town and struck out something like eighteen men. He has stuff."

"Unless something new comes up the Rousch deal is off. I expect to start Jimmy O'Connell in center before rather a tough thing to have to crowd Stengel out of a job. It would be rather a tough thing to have to sit Casey on the bench after he hit .300 for me last year. And, let me tell you, his hits were timely. Look up Stengel's hits and you'll find he won as many games as any man on the club."

Paid Their Worth. Discussing the new association of players, McGraw said he didn't see how they could hope to dictate salary terms. He says ball players would continue to be paid what they are worth, regardless of whether the men were organized or unorganized.

"These unions or organizations of players come up every so often," continued McGraw. "I've seen about three of them come and go during my lifetime in baseball."

He expressed the opinion that Cannon, the Milwaukee lawyer, who is behind the new association, is not a man to inspire particular confidence.

There is a chance of the Giants training in California next spring, though a California training jaunt is not yet assured.

"They want us out there," said McGraw. "We have received invitations from club owners, newspapers and others on the Coast to pay them a visit. I would consider southern California, but there is no chance of going to northern California."

He had an odd experience when he last trained in California. It was back in 1915, the spring after we won the world championship from the Athletics. We got one bad break in the weather, and between times we lost our training camp through bad weather, there was a period of nine days in which we did not get into uniform. I was rather alarmed and was afraid we would be in for a bad start, but we won our first seventeen games."

Navy and Swarthmore Play Tie at Soccer. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 18.—Navy and Swarthmore soccer teams battled to a 2-to-2 tie today. The game was played in a drizzle of rain. Swarthmore had the advantage of a slope toward goal in the first half which passed to the midshipmen in the second.

The first period ended, 2 to 1, in favor of the visitors. After twenty minutes of play, the half ended with a score of 2 to 2. Landis made Swarthmore's second score putting the ball through on a foul shot.

Greenham shooting from a foul made the Navy's only score of the period two minutes before the half ended amid desperate fighting for the tying point on the part of the Navy.

MC'GRAW AND BAN JOHNSON CLASH OVER HIM



Jack Bentley, purchased from Baltimore at a huge figure by New York Giants, who also send along three players for star International League pitcher. Ban Johnson says those three players are being sent to bondage. McGraw answers he is taking Bentley out of bondage. So there you are.

Essick Will Coach Vernon Three Seasons

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—William E. (Bill) Essick, last year's leader of the Vernon Tigers, runners-up in the Pacific Coast League baseball race, has signed to pilot the Tigers through the 1923-24 and '25 seasons, according to an announcement yesterday after a meeting between Essick and Owner Ed R. Maier.

Since Bill's advent into the league as a club boss he has been the most consistent winner in the circuit.

FREE GATE IS RECORD FOR DEC. 2 GAME

Entire Allotment Is to Be Distributed by Marines for Baltimore Contest With Army.

QUANTICO, Va., Nov. 18.—A football game, unique in the annals of present-day commercialized sport, will be played when the United States Marine team of this post meets the Third Army Corps Area team in Baltimore, December 2. The game will be unique because 12,000 tickets, the entire number in the Marine stands, will be given to marines and their guests absolutely without charge as an exemplification of the sort of amateur sport for which the marine corps stands.

The decision of the Marine Corps to give away its entire allotment of tickets was reached at a conference between Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, Commandant of the Corps, and Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, commanding general of the marine post at Quantico.

Both these officers are firm believers in amateur sports according to its strictest definition and they decided, in accordance with marine corps traditions and the highest ideals of amateur sport, that the big marine team should pay its own way through the entire season.

Accordingly, expenses have been reduced almost to nothing and those incurred have been met by marine officers and men at Quantico. There have been no gate receipts and no huge financial budget.

Had Some Doubt. At first, observers doubted the possibility of maintaining a team of first-class college caliber without huge receipts and expenditures, but with the success of the marine experiment these have been most enthusiastic in their praise of the spirit which made the success possible.

In accordance with this policy the unexampled step of giving away all tickets allotted to the marine corps was determined upon. Even the expense of transporting the Quantico team to Baltimore will be paid by the officers and men themselves.

All those who accept marine corps invitations to the game will be the guests of the marine corps from the President of the United States to the friends of the lowest-ranking marine.

The game this year is the third of the annual championship contests played by the Quantico Marine team against representative teams of the Army and Navy and is rapidly coming to be recognized as one of the classic social and athletic events of the season. It is the ambition of General Butler to gain for the contests national recognition similar to that accorded the Army and Navy football game.

Marines Are Strong. By its exploits in defeating the Georgetown University team and the New London Submarine Base with several former Naval Academy stars, the big Marine team has proved itself one of the strongest eleven in the United States. While the Army team, with such stars as French and Oliphant of West Point, is said to be equally strong.

Invitations to the game have been sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Cabinet, the Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and ranking officers and department heads of the army and navy, and indications are that one of the most brilliant audiences of the season will attend.

The governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia will occupy boxes and the mayors of Baltimore and Philadelphia and the District Commissioners of Washington will also attend.

The Stanton Athletic Club will play the Waverly Athletic Club to day at the Rosedale playgrounds at 3 p. m.

STANTONS TO PLAY.

CHARLEY FRANKLIN, Virginia tackle, missed a great chance to defeat Georgia a week ago when his try for goal failed by inches.

SANDLOTTERS ARE BITTER IN TITLE SCRAP

Southern Attempts to Uncrown Mohawks, and Mercury Tackles G. A. C. Today.

By R. D. THOMAS.

TWO close, bitter battles will be fought on Washington sandlots today. The dope says they will be close. Fierce rivalry between the contestants proclaims they will be bitter.

Southern A. C., employing its sensational forward passing attack, will attempt to wrest from the Mohawks their wide recognition as champions, in a game at Union Park.

Mercury A. C., playing host to Georgetown A. C. at Washington Barracks, will try by might and main to eliminate the west-end eleven as a contender for the city championship. Both contests will start at 2:30 o'clock.

Southern A. C. will throw into its attack all the spirit engendered by a year of ambition to conquer the Mohawks. Southern, the most ardent Mohawk fan will admit, has a formidable machine that may give the Indians their first licking in many years.

No team encountered by Southern this year has been able to cope successfully with the south-west team's brilliant aerial offense and its strong defensive line. It is asserted that no foe, in fact, has penetrated beyond Southern's 30-yard line, which, indeed, is a

FIVE MEN ON SAME QUINT FIVE YEARS

Keyser Collegians, Crack Basketball Players, Open Season Thanksgiving Day.

By R. D. THOMAS.

THE Keyser Collegian basketball team, five times champion of West Virginia and among leading contenders for the world's championship, are rounding into shape for their opening game of the season with the Petty Shoe Five at Lancaster, Ohio, Thanksgiving Day.

The Keyser Collegians have the distinction of having five men who have played together for five years, and with the addition of George Parrish, all-Southern center from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, last year, formed an organization which made one of the best records of any team that ever graced the basketball court.

For the coming season, the collegians will have Walter Hoyt, their six feet four inch center as pivot man, with George Parrish, who falls short one-half inch of reaching the height of Hoyt, alternating between forward and center. Gibson and Dougan, two of the best forwards in the game today, will again don their Keyser uniforms, and Shaffer and Montgomery will look after the guard positions.

The schedule for the coming season will take the collegians through Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Virginia, meeting the best professional and industrial teams of those States, as well as a number of the leading college five.

He Uses Cop as Tool To Get in Ball Park. Many stories are being told relative to the methods resorted to by persons insistent upon getting into Sportman's Park, in St. Louis, for the series between the St. Louis and New York American League teams, when fans broke down fences to see the games. Here is the best one: Two men were standing in front of the Dodder street gates just before they were closed to the public. Neither had a ticket. "I'll bet you \$5 I can get in," said one. "You're on," said the other.

WHITE FISH PLENTIFUL IN ROCK CREEK

Quite a Number of the Slow-Moving Finny Tribe Being Taken Near Chevy Chase.

By R. A. ANGLER.

ATUTUM angling for fall or white fish (Semotilus bulbaris) is now at its best and followers of the angle worm pastime will indeed miss a rare treat if they do not take advantage of the present ideal water and weather conditions. While not being classed in the game fish family, he will furnish some excellent sport when angled for on light tackle.

His haunts are in the still, deep waters of creeks and streams and he rarely ever ventures into rivers or rapids. One of the best grounds where he may be expected to be found locally is in Rock Creek.

The arm of the law protects him within the city's limits as there is no fishing allowed in the historic creek, but a few minutes ride by trolley or automobile will bring one to some of the finest "holes" and that is to say in the Chevy Chase district.

Some fine specimens of the slow moving finny fellow have been taken this fall in and about the fashionable section. He does not care for a fast moving current, content to feed on the lowly angle worm and grasshoppers. Such a thing as an artificial lure is simply a waste of time.

MIDDIES BECOME FEVERISH AS ARMY GAME DRAWS NEAR

Navy Lads, With One Victory to Go, Ambitious to Equal West Point's Record of Winning Four Annual Service Clashes in as Many Years.

By HUGH R. RILEY.

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 18.—Annapolis is in the throes of the fever which always comes with the approach of another football game against the Military Academy, and it is very evident that the rivalry grows in virulence as the year passes. The closing days of the season find the midshipmen as well as the older members of the Navy service and those in touch with them, more intensely interested in the big game with each year.

The Naval team has had a number of big games this year—with Georgia State, Pennsylvania and Penn State—but the interest in them, and all of them, was a slight thing compared with the feeling with which the service game is anticipated. Midshipmen find it difficult to hold themselves to the routine of drill, study and practical exercise, and their instructors are not always in condition to admonish them with consistency.

Not only has the game of this year all of the elements of rivalry between the two branches of the service which always makes it of such moment, but other factors enter into the contest in a special way. From the sporting standpoint the teams appear to be well matched, for from the showing in previous games, and both, admittedly, rank among the best in the country.

Both teams have certain special reasons for the wish to win. The desire of the Army being probably more desperate due to the recent series of defeats. The Navy, however, wishes to maintain the ascendancy, and recalling long strings of defeats by Army teams at different periods, is endeavoring to win its winning streak as long as it is possible.

FLORIDA TO BE CENTER OF BIG LEAGUE TRAINING

FLORIDA will be the center of the major league spring training of 1923.

The Griffen will netter upon the first of their new five years' lease at Tampa, President Griffith having contracted for that length of time last spring.

The Boston Braves will be at St. Petersburg. The Cleveland Indians are to get into shape at Lakeland. The Cincinnati Reds will train at Orlando.

The Phillies will again work out at Leesburg, with the St. Louis Cardinals at Bradenton and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Eustis.

V. M. I. CADETS SCORE EASILY AGAINST G. W. Flying Squadron Does Its Stuff All Right and Rolls Up 45 Points in Wilson Stadium.

By BRYAN MORSE. GEORGE WASHINGTON ran up against the Virginia Military Institute's flying squadron on the gridiron in the Wilson stadium yesterday and the Lexington cadets did their stuff by flying all over the field for a 45-to-0 score. The Hatchettes, evidently impressed by the press agented cadets, were somewhat below standard and watched their opponents do all sorts of things with a football. At times the downtown boys played some real football. More often they observed Bandy Clarkson's youngsters snag well-aimed forward passes or his nifty backfield experts dodge and twist for goodly gains.

USE MANY PLAYERS.

George Washington University is making a fraternity basketball league and has one hundred men in action.

On occasions the combination of Farley, McGregor and Ryder, of the Cadets, would not forward pass gains of from five to thirty yards. Frequently the Cadets uncorked dazzling shifts for the Hatchettes and spectators. Their offense was spectacular and their defense entirely too strong for the G. W. U. men.

Occasionally the Cadets would vary their forward pass tactics with double and triple passes. They got a first-class workout and showed considerably more fancy stuff in the forward pass line than any eleven visiting this season.

Delayed and criss-cross passes, double and triple passes baffled the Hatchettes until the second half, when they put up a stubborn resistance. Altrup entered the game in the second half and the defense was weak of George Washington was 40 per cent improved.

Before the first half was under way five minutes the V. M. I. had counted. A slashing attack with sure-footed, clean-footed backs in Farley, McGregor, Ryder and Faulkner gave the Hatchettes an idea of what a good running attack looks like.

Yet the Hatchettes, for all their defeat, unlocked several brilliant plays. Farley, McGregor, Ryder and Faulkner gave the Hatchettes an idea of what a good running attack looks like.